

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1333

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kristen Allen on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Allen of Unicoi County is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, for fifteen years, Ms. Allen has served as a teacher; last year, she was named Pre-K-5 Teacher of the Year for her school district; and

WHEREAS, the luminary chair for the Unicoi County Relay for Life, Ms. Allen has implemented a nursing home relay for residents who cannot attend the annual Relay for Life; this event includes the decoration of luminary bags by children from local churches and schools, a ceremony, and an "in honor of" and "in memory" lap at the local nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, to honor those who have fought and continue to fight cancer, Ms. Allen recently started a Garden of Hope in front of the Unicoi County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Allen is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Kristen Allen for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.